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BYSIEWICZ HAILS NEW YORK BROADWATER DECISION AS VICTORY IN FIGHT TO PREVENT DESECRATION OF LONG ISLAND SOUND

NEW YORK JOINS CONNECTICUT IN SAYING “NO” TO BIG OIL PROJECT

HARTFORD: Connecticut Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is hailing New York State’s decision to reject Costal Consistency Certification for the proposed Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal as a major victory in the fight to prevent the industrialization of the Long Island Sound. New York Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez notified Sec. Bysiewicz of her decision just after 8:30 PM this evening, Wednesday April 9^h, 2008.

“Today New York and Connecticut stand united in their opposition to Broadwater,” said Bysiewicz. “This is a major victory in the fight to prevent the desecration and industrialization of Long Island Sound. This monstrosity should never be built; it is the wrong plan, at the wrong place, at the wrong time. The Broadwater project poses grave ecological, economic and safety threats for more than 10 million people in Connecticut and New York. I want to thank Governor Paterson and Secretary Cortés-Vázquez for their thoughtful approach to this issue. I also want to thank members of Congress, legislators, environmental advocates and concerned citizens from across Connecticut and New York who continue to stand up to big oil’s plan to industrialize our greatest shared natural resource.”

In March, Sec. Bysiewicz wrote to New York Governor David Paterson Joseph T. Kelliher Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and New York

Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, asking them to deny approval of the Broadwater facility.

In her letter to Chairman Kelliher, Bysiewicz wrote, “The (Connecticut Broadwater) Task Force’s report clearly points to the fact that the Broadwater project would have a detrimental impact on the region and that your agency has apparently ignored the environmental, economic, public policy, and safety and security risks associated with this proposal. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must take a step back and look at the broader picture. Only then would it realize that approving the Broadwater LNG facility would be both irresponsible and reprehensible.”

In her letter to Secretary Cortés-Vázquez Sec. Bysiewicz wrote, “I firmly believe the Broadwater LNG facility in the Long Island Sound would pose catastrophic and serious environmental and economic risks to the people of Connecticut and New York. There are viable alternatives to provide New York with the natural gas it needs and these alternatives will be up and running well before Broadwater is scheduled to be on line. I respectfully urge you to oppose the granting of a Coastal Consistency Certification for the certification of the Broadwater LNG site (F-2006-0345) pursuant to New York Department of State’s review under 387(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et. seq. ”

Last year, Secretary of the State Bysiewicz testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission against the approval of the Broadwater LNG facility proposal and cited a wide range of serious environmental, security, economic, and other important concerns.

New York State has scheduled a press conference for Thursday April 10th at 2:00 PM to announce the decision.